

The Corinne Railroad Museum, founded in 1957, will be moved to Wasatch Mountain State Park along with three open saltair coaches, two locomotives, mail cars and other coal

Near Heber City

Railroad Museum May Move

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BRIGHAM CITY — An official of the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers (NSSUP) said here a verbal agreement has been made with the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation to move the railroad museum from Corinne, Box Elder County, to the Wasatch Mountain State Park near Heber City.

Verl L. Petersen, Brigham City, vice-president of the Box Elder chapter, said the NSSUP, under the direction of the late Horace Sorenson, Salt Lake City, founded the railroad museum in 1957.

The NSSUP has a 25-year lease on the land where the museum is located. It belongs to the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Mr. Petersen said three open saltair coaches, two locomotives, two mail cars, the Bamberger coach and the Kennecott coach will be moved to the state park.

He said all buildings, including the railroad station, will be moved. The railroad station was moved to Corinne from Honeyville when the museum was founded. All artifacts and memorabilia will be moved as they are now displayed in the coaches and the station.

Mr. Petersen said three open saltair coaches, two

adequate publicity for the museum and very few people knew about it.

The museum attracted only 2,500 registered visitors in the last year of operation, and Mr. Petersen said it is likely more than 250,000 will visit the museum at Wasatch Park.

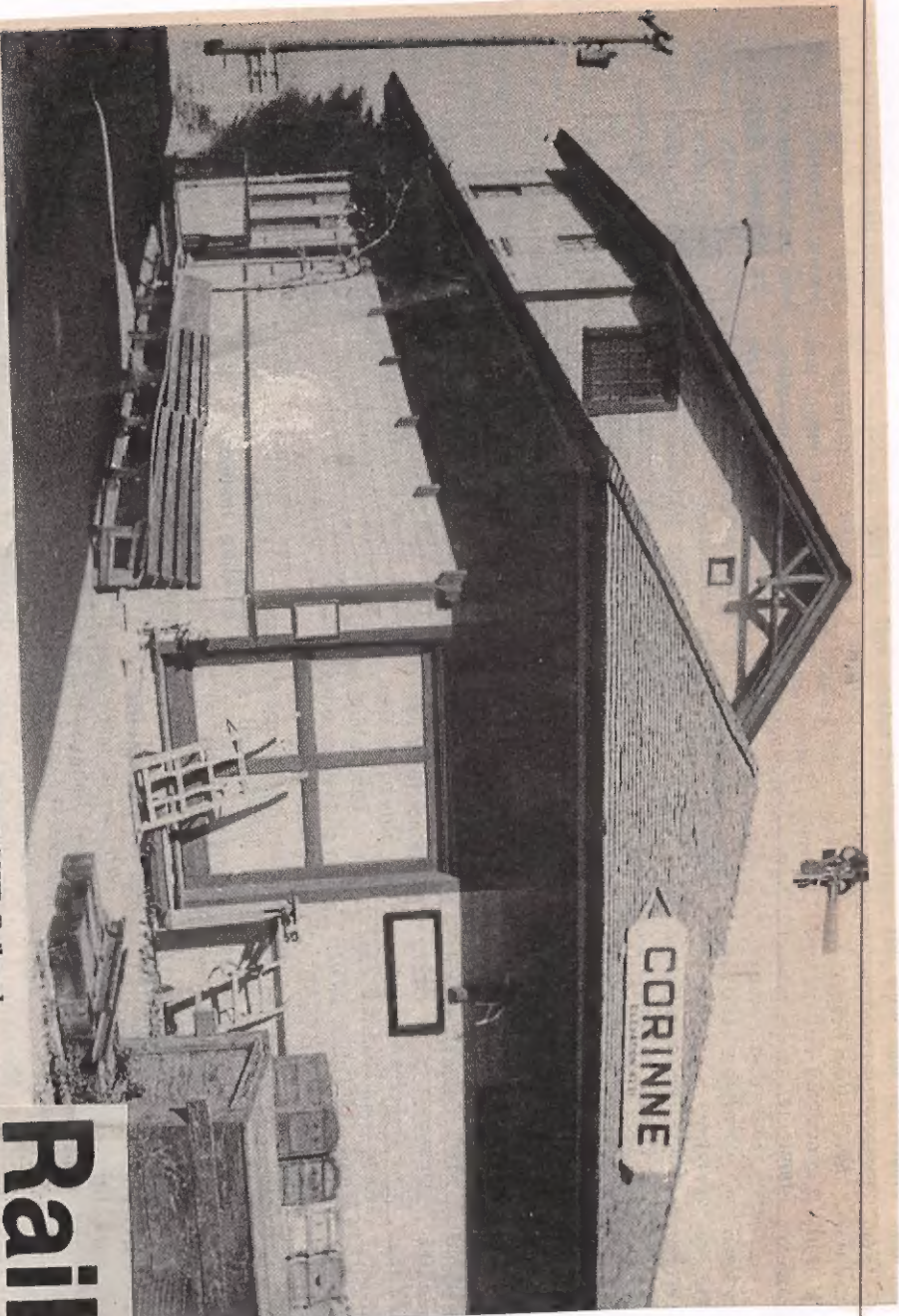
Mike Barker, administrative officer for parks and recreation, said the matter will be formally acted on by the board at its meeting Feb. 2, 9 a.m. at the division's headquarters in Salt Lake City.

That evening from 8 to 10 p.m., a special meeting will be held in the State Office Building auditorium, where a public hearing will be held on the request from the NSSUP for a site at the Pioneer Trail State Park for a headquarters building and research library.

The national society is proposing to construct a headquarters building at Pioneer Trail State Park near the "This is the Place" monument.

The NSSUP will provide the necessary funds for the construction of the facility which will be donated to the division upon completion.

The building will include a research pioneer library, a banquet hall, office space and parking areas. All facilities will be available to the public, according to the NSSUP.



The old Honeyville Depot, part of the NSSUP Railroad Museum in Corinne, will probably be moved to Heber this year to become part of Wasatch Mountain State Park.

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Wasatch Wave

Railroad museum move to Heber City planned

The National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers' Railroad Museum, located in Corinne, Utah, will most likely be moved to Wasatch Mountain State Park within a year as the result of a contract signed recently between the NSSUP and The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation.

According to Mike Barker, administrative assistant for UDPR, W. Phillip Robins, President of NSSUP and executive Vice President, John Nielson have signed a contract donating the railroad museum to the State Park and Recreation Division.

Barker said the NSSUP offered the museum to the State Park because road changes had isolated the Corinne site and visitation was low. Only 2,500 visitors registered at the museum in the last year of operation. It is believed that locating the museum adjacent to the operating steam railway in conjunction with Wasatch Mountain State Park will attract many more visitors.

The museum transfer was approved by the Utah State Parks and Recreation Board on Dec. 2. A public hearing Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the State

Capitol auditorium in Salt Lake City will be devoted in part to the railroad museum.

The move of the museum to Heber Valley will also be discussed by the general membership of the NSSUP at its Feb. 27 meeting.

The contract still must be signed by the director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, the Director of the Finance Department and the Utah State Board of Examiners.

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The NSSUP Railroad Museum includes two steam locomotives. One, an oil fired engine, participated in the Southern Pacific Railroad's 'Farewell to Steam' run in 1958. It was completely rebuilt at that time and was retired after the event.

The other locomotive, a coal fired engine, is similar to Number 618 now in use by the Heber Creeper.

The old Kennecott railroad observation car and a car from the Bamberger railroad are included in the museum.

Other NSSUP rolling stock includes an antique wooden caboose, a coach, a mail and baggage car, two open air cars from the Saltair railroad and a three wheeled hand-driven maintenance car.

The museum also includes the old Honeyville Depot, which was moved to Corinne when the museum was established in 1957 under the direction of the late Horace Sorenson of Salt Lake City. Inside the depot are old telegraph equipment, model trains and other artifacts related to the steam era.

Other buildings associated with the museum include a complete blacksmith shop, a log cabin and a Chinese Laundry.

The museum and rolling stock will probably be moved to Heber City in six months to a year. It's new home will be adjacent to trackage owned by the State Park near the Heber Depot.

